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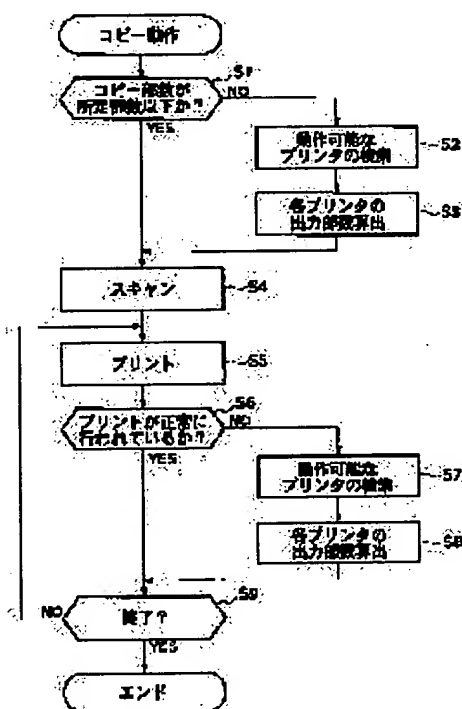
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## (54) PICTURE INPUT/OUTPUT DEVICE, PICTURE DATA OUTPUT METHOD, AND INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To improve the work efficiency by efficiently obtaining a large number of copies.

SOLUTION: When a start key is depressed after a copy condition is set, it is discriminated whether the number of copies is equal to or smaller than a prescribed number or not (S1); and if it is larger than the prescribed number, the number of outputs is calculated (S3) after a printer which is connected to LAN and can perform the output operation is retrieved (S2). A scanner part is operated to read a document picture (S4), and picture data are transferred also to the printer which can perform the output operation, and a device capable of the output operation is used to start the print operation (S5). If the print operation is not normally performed, another printer which is connected to LAN and can be operated is retrieved again (S7), and the number of outputs of each printer is calculated (S8), and the print operation is continued, and the copy operation is terminated at the end of all of the copy processing.



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